

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 25-26 and 33-35 have been allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for careful consideration of the application.

On page 2 of the Office Communication Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 24, 27, and 36-37 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 5, 7, 15, 19, and 28-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,479B1.

Examiner asserts that although claims 1-3, 24, 27, and 36-37 are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from claims 1-3, 5, 7, 15, 19, and 28-30 of Patent No. 6,600,479.

In response, Applicants are enclosing a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection based upon obviousness-type double patenting grounds disclaiming the terminal part of any patent issued for the above-captioned application extending beyond the statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,479 commonly owned by the assignee of the present invention. With this terminal disclaimer, Applicants believe claims 1-4, 9-14, 16, 18-20, and 24-37 to be allowable.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicants believe the present Application to be in a condition suitable for allowance. Examiner is respectfully urged to withdraw the rejections, reconsider the present Application in light of the foregoing Amendment, and pass the amended Application to allowance.

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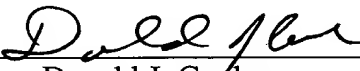
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If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicants' representative at (541) 715-1694 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Favorable action by the Examiner is solicited.

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